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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Paul NICOLSON, et al.

Group Art Unit: 1714

Serial No: 09/640,526

Examiner: Edward Cain

Filed: August 17, 2000

For: EXTENDED WEAR OPHTHALMIC LENS

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**Amendment**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the claims as set forth below and enter the following remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add the following claims:

243. (New). An extended wear contact lens comprising a core polymeric material and inner and lower lower surfaces that are more hydrophilic than said core polymeric material, said core polymeric material formed from a silicone copolymer which provides a high ion permeability and a high oxygen permeability; said silicone copolymer comprising an oxyperm polymerizable material, and an ionoperm polymerizable material; said core polymeric material having an oxygen permeability equal to or greater than 69